



**GIVE A LITTLE.
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YOU CAN HELP
FEED OUR
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One in five children in this region live in poverty, and many are at risk of going to bed hungry. The Kids Pack program helps meet this need by providing backpacks of nutritious food to homeless and very low-income children during the weekends. Through Kids Pack, more kids are able to engage in school and succeed. You can help feed our future!

Host An On-Site Kids Pack Food Drive in just 4 easy steps:

1. ARRANGE

Contact the store manager and make arrangements to hold your Food Drive at a grocery store in your community.

2. REGISTER

Complete and submit the Host Registration Form

3. RECRUIT

Recruit volunteers to help host your Food Drive. This is a great opportunity for volunteers of ALL ages! The ideal size for this project is 5-10 volunteers.

4. PROMOTE

It's easy to spread the word! Use the Kids Pack Food Drive promotional materials available online.

Kids Pack always needs the following individually-wrapped, single-serving items:

- Granola Bars
- Applesauce Cups
- Cup of Noodles (chicken or beef)

(Due to the nature of the program and the tenuous living conditions of the children who receive Kids Pack, all food must be lightweight, single-serving items. Sorry, canned goods and other food items cannot be utilized for the Kids Pack program.)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 909-980-2857 ext. 216
OR EMAIL SUPPLYDRIVE@IEUW.ORG**



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- Once you have decided to host a food drive, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are here to help you in any way we can!
- Choose your location wisely! Selecting stores in less economically-impacted neighborhoods will likely return better results, but this is not always the case.
- Notify the store of the specific items that will be requested, asking the store to be prepared with plenty of product and the ability to restock shelves if necessary. It would be good to include the fact that past food drives have cleared shelves in a matter of hours.
- Arrange a date to pick up your collection bins, flyers and banner from the United Way office.
- The ideal group size for this opportunity is 5-10 volunteers. Remember, kids are great! Kids can help collect and sort the items and shoppers seem to enjoy giving their donation to your young volunteers.
- Make sure your volunteers understand the details of Kids Pack. Provide each volunteer with the one-page "Kids Pack Information" sheet.
- Each volunteer needs to sign the "Volunteer Agreement" (a parent or legal guardian must sign for children under age 18). You can collect the agreements prior to your food drive event.
- The day of the food drive, all volunteers should sign-in and out using the "Volunteer Sign-In Sheet" provided.
- You may want to start it off by "leading by example" – purchasing a few items as a group or individual to start off the bins. Not only is it important to step up in the way that you are asking others to give, but shoppers feel more inclined to give when they see that others have done the same.
- The bins are very helpful to sort as you collect – identify one bin for each type of item.
- You can pass out 2-1-1 and Volunteer cards for those who couldn't give or for those who asked about volunteer opportunities.
- Take plenty of photos at your food drive event! We would love to celebrate and share your success by posting photos on our website, Facebook page, newsletters, etc.
- THANK YOU! We sincerely appreciate your time and dedication to this project.



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Store Manager,

One in five children in our region live in poverty, and many are at risk of going to bed hungry. While the situation may seem grim, I'm proud to share with you one way *(Your Company/Group Name)* is becoming part of the solution—and how *(Grocery Store Name)* can help!

We will be supporting children in need by collecting food for Inland Empire United Way's Kids Pack program. The Kids Pack program provides nutritious food to homeless and very low-income children during the weekend, when school meals are not available. When a child receives food from Kids Pack, they are able to engage in school and succeed.

We invite you to join us in our effort by allowing us to host our Kids Pack Food Drive at your store location. Past food drives have been **VERY SUCCESSFUL** and resulted in the store **SELLING OUT** of the Kids Pack food items. The items we will be collecting (asking shoppers to purchase) are:

- Granola Bars
- Applesauce Cups
- Cup of Noodles (chicken & beef flavors)

This is a fun and easy way to show your support of our community's children! Once we receive your approval to host the event, *(Your Company/Group Name)* will take care of the rest, including setting up the collection station, passing out flyers, sorting food, thanking donors, and cleaning up.

We would like to host the Food Drive on *(Proposed Date)* from *(Hours)*, but are willing to work with your schedule. *(Name of Contact Person)*, our event organizer, will be following up with you shortly. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact *(Name of Contact Person)* at *(Phone Number or E-mail Address)* for more information or to confirm your participation.

Thank you for helping us feed our future!



INLAND EMPIRE UNITED WAY
**KIDS PACK
FOOD DRIVE**

SAMPLE VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT TEXT

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Dear _____ ,

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We invite you to join us in our effort by volunteering your time to help us collect food as we host a Kids Pack Food Drive. We will be collecting food items on:

- Date***
- Start Time—End Time***
- Name of Grocery Store***
- Address and/or Cross Streets***

This is a fun and easy way to get involved! We need help greeting shoppers, passing out flyers, sorting food, and thanking donors. This volunteer opportunity is suitable for all ages, so feel free to invite your children to participate.

Please contact (*Name of Contact Person*) at (*Phone Number or E-mail Address*) to confirm your participation.

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Inland Empire United Way

Volunteer Agreement

Inland Empire United Way recognizes that volunteers contribute a vast wealth of skills, knowledge and support towards achieving its goals. We truly value our volunteers and hope that your experience with us is a rewarding one. The following code of conduct and agreement has been established to create a safe, productive and gratifying volunteer experience for everyone.

As a Volunteer of IEUW, I agree to:

- Accept the responsibilities and limits set out in this agreement;
- Work in a manner that is safe for me, other volunteers, paid staff and members of the public. That includes using proper lifting techniques. When lifting heavy objects, I will use my legs to push upwards, keeping my back straight and my body balanced. I will not attempt to lift over 50 lbs. without assistance.
- Dress appropriately for the job assigned. I will not wear anything that may be a safety hazard (i.e. loose fitting clothing or jewelry, open-toe shoes or sunglasses).
- Participate in orientation and training as required; take part in any technical and safety training that is required;
- Accept guidance and direction from the supervisor charged with those duties; not work unsupervised;
- Sign the Volunteer Attendance Record at each volunteering session;
- Report any safety hazard, accident, injury or emergency immediately to the supervisor;
- Support a non-discriminatory and harassment-free work environment. I agree to refrain from harassment of any kind, whether verbal, physical or visual. I will report any claim of harassment immediately to the supervisor.
- Not to disclose any confidential or sensitive information to any person;
- Refrain from eating and drinking, except in specifically designated areas;
- Refrain from smoking on IEUW premises, except in specifically designated areas outside and away from the buildings;
- Consent to the participation of my child(ren) in the IEUW volunteer program, as I am their lawful parent and/or guardian. I assume all risk of injury, harm or death to my child(ren) associated with participation in the IEUW volunteer program. I agree to release, indemnify, defend and forever discharge the IEUW and its staff, employees and agents of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action in respect of death, injury loss or damage to the child(ren) or by the child(ren), howsoever caused, arising or to arise by reason of or during the child(ren)'s participation in the IEUW volunteer program;
- Assume all risk of injury, harm or death and agree to release, indemnify, defend and forever discharge the IEUW and its staff, employees and agents of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action in respect of death, injury, loss, or damage to myself or by myself, howsoever caused, arising or to arise by reason of or during my participation in the IEUW volunteer program. I am a competent individual, and I assume these risks of my own free will.

Printed Name of Volunteer or Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Volunteer or Parent/Legal Guardian

Date Signed

Names of all minor children:

I grant permission to photograph and use my name/photograph or my minor child(ren)'s name/photograph in publicity for Inland Empire United Way (i.e. newsletter, website, etc.)

Signature of Volunteer or Parent/Legal Guardian

Date Signed



Volunteer Sign-In Sheet

Group Name: _____ Date: _____

	Name	E-Mail Address	Time In	Time Out
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- Applesauce Cups
- Cup of Noodles
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1 in 5 children in this region live in poverty, and many rely on free school meals as their major source of nutrition during the week. During the weekends, school meals are not available. For some kids, this means going hungry until Monday. **A hungry child can't learn.** In fact, food-insecure and hungry kids have poor overall health, and as a result, miss more days of school and are less prepared to learn when able to attend. We want more kids to be successful in school, and that's why we developed the Kids Pack program.

Launched in 2004, Kids Pack is an Inland Empire United Way (IEUW) managed program that provides homeless and very low-income children with backpacks of nutritious food for the weekend. We collaborate with local schools, case management organizations, companies, and other community groups.

The Kids Pack program is currently available in the following IEUW service area school districts:

- Chino Valley Unified School District
- Fontana Unified School District
- Ontario-Montclair Elementary School District
- Pomona Unified School District
- Redlands Unified School District
- Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District

At capacity, Kids Pack can serve about 1,200 kids each week. Each child is selected by a district case manager or staff person that knows the family's situation and knows the child is at risk of weekend hunger without the Kids Pack program. Community volunteers assemble food bags at the IEUW Kids Pack warehouse each week. The food bags are packed and sorted according to school site and delivered by IEUW staff to the appropriate school or district drop-off locations. The food bags are then placed into backpacks and distributed to the children before leaving school each Friday. The children return their empty backpacks to school the following Monday.

Most importantly, we know the program works. We measure the impact of all of our programs, and results have consistently shown that children who receive Kids Pack improve their overall performance in school. This includes being more attentive, improved behavior, more participation and better grades!

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO HELP COLLECT FOOD FOR THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM!
Here are some ways you can ask others to help:

- "We're collecting food to feed homeless children in our local schools. Would you like to purchase one of these items?"
- "Would you like to help us feed homeless children in our local schools?"
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